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Z-15172/82Attachment to Page 1 of 1NPIC/IEG (2/82)Copy____ 19 FEBRUARY 1982 CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITY PUNTA BALLENATOS SATCOM STATION, CUBA 25X1 SIGNIFICANCE: EXPANDED CAPABILITY OF CUBAN SATCOM 1. STATION, SUSPECTED OF SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION. 25X1 REMARKS: IMAGERY REVEALED THAT A NEW PARABOLIC DISH ANTENNA HAD BEEN ADDED TO THE PUNTA BALLENATOS SATCOM STATION ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE CITY OF HAVANA, SINCE LAST OBSERVED 25X1 CONSTRUCTION OF TWO ADDITIONAL ANTENNAS WAS ALSO UNDERWAY. THE NEW PARABOLIC DISH ANTENNA! 25X1 AND AN ELEVATION OF 30 L ACS THIS ANTENNA WAS ERECTED ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE PROBABLE CONTROL BUILDING WEST OF THE EXISTING PARABOLIC DISH ANTENNA. THIS EXISTING 10 METER PARABOLIC DISH ALSO 25X1 AND AN ELEVATION OF 30 DEGREES. (S/D) COMPONENTS FOR TWO ADDITIONAL PARABOLIC DISHES. 25X1 25X1 WERE ON THE GROUND WITHIN THE FACILITY. ALL OF THE PARABOLIC DISH ANTENNAS AT THIS FACILITY APPEAR TO BE OF NON-SOVIET ORIGIN AND, WHILE THEIR FUNCTION CANNOT BE DETERMINED FROM IMAGERY, THEY MAY REPRESENT AN EXPANDING CUBAN EFFORT IN SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE COLLECTION. THREE NEW SINGLE-STORY RECTAGULAR BUILDINGS HAD ALSO BEEN CONSTRUCTED IN THE CENTER OF THE COMPOUND. (S/D) CONSTRUCTION OF THE ORIGINAL PARABOLIC DISH ANTENNA AT THIS FACILITY WAS OBSERVED IN JANUARY 1981 AND APPEARED TO BE COMPLETE AND OPERATIONAL BY EARLY MARCH. ANALYSIS OF PREVIOUS IMAGERY, OF POOR INTERPRETABILITY, REVEALED THAT THE NEW, PARABOLIC DISH ANTENNA AND THE THREE NEW BUILDINGS WERE IN PLACE 25X1 3. 25X1 (S) COORDINATES 23-03-55N 082-28-45W.

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